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SUBJ: KING HUSSEIN INTERVIEW IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

1. UNDER IDENTICAL HEADLINES "HUSSEIN WARNS RENEWAL OF FIGHTING WITHIN SIX MONTHS" TWO SEMI-OFFICIAL AMMAN DAILIES GIVE FULL COVERAGE TO KING'S RECENT INTERVIEW IN WASHINGTON WITH U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. ALTHOUGH HEADLINES AND LEAD PARAGRAPH STRESS WAR SCARE THEME, TEXT OF INTERVIEW AS QUOTED IS MODERATE.

2. AS QUOTED, KING SAID HE AND PRESIDENT FORD AGREED THAT PRESENT MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE MUST BE MAINTAINED. KING EXPRESSED HOPES THAT SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHIN COMING TWO OR THREE MONTHS, ALTHOUGH A YEAR MIGHT PASS BEFORE PEACE IN AREA REACHED.

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3. KING SAID THAT NEXT LOGICAL STEP IS JORDAN'S

PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA, BUT RESTATED GOJ STIPULATION OF SOME
PRIOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON WEST BANK. ULTIMATE GOAL
RESTORATION OF LANDS OCCUPIED 1967. IN ADDITION, KING SAID JORDAN
READY TO GIVE ALL PALESTINIANS IN KINGDOM RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION
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4. AMMAN DAILIES ALSO CARRY SADAT DECLARATION THAT EGYPT WILL
RESUME WAR IF GENEVA FAILS TO ACHIEVE HONORABLE SOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: JORDANIAN PRESS AND RADIO GIVING WIDE PUBLICITY TO
INTERVIEW, ORIGINAL TEXT OF WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN. GOJ
DECISION TO EMPHASIZE WAR THREAT THEME IN PRESENTATION OF STORY
APPEARS TO COMPLEMENT LOCAL WAR TALK, MAIN BODY OF INTERVIEW,
HOWEVER, SEEMS TO REFLECT OFT-STATED GOJ POLICY RE INTEREST IN
UNDERTAKING JORDANIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, MOST
RECENTLY AFFIRMED IN U.S.-JORDANIAN COMMUNIQUE. PICKERING

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